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## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ISSUED FOR PETE MINING PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko Field Office, has prepared an Environmental Assessment which analyzes the impacts of Newmont Gold Company's proposed Pete Project, which is an amendment to the Carlin Mine Plan of Operations. A Finding of No Significant Impact for the Environmental Assessment has been signed.

The project is located approximately 19 miles northwest of Carlin, Eureka County, Nevada in the Carlin Trend. The proposed Pete Project includes mining three open pits (Pete, Castle Reef, and Crow), construction of a waste rock disposal facility, refractory ore stockpile, and ancillary facilities. The proposed project would occur over a period of seven years. This project would not require dewatering. The proposed activities would create a total of 863 acres of disturbance of which 506 acres would occur on public lands and 357 acres would occur on private lands.

There is a 30-day public review period of the Finding of No Significant Impact. At the conclusion of the public review period a decision will be made regarding approval of the project.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact are available at the BLM Elko Field Office. The documents are also available on the Elko BLM website at <a href="www.nv.blm.gov/elko">www.nv.blm.gov/elko</a> Written comments should be submitted by close of business on August 22, 2002 and should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Pete Project Coordinator, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801-4611. For questions about the project or for more information, please contact Janice Stadelman at (775) 753-0346.